

Government and also National Human Rights Commission have impressed upon all those States which have not set up State Human Rights Commission to set up State Human Rights Commission in their respective States. Non-setting up of State Human Rights Commission, as reported, is *inter alia*, due to lack of funds and lower number of complaints.

Regulation of private security agencies

925. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that liberalization has led to splintering of the State security apparatus and the sudden springing up of private security industry and the Indian security guards, employed by MNCs like Group 4, Securitas, and the indigenous companies are already spread across major cities;

(b) if so, whether this Security industry is growing at the rate of 20-25% annually, and is estimated to be Rs. 750 billion strong, which needs to be regulated by the State; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that the Private Security Agencies Act, effective from March 2007, gives a level playing field, both for powerful players and small security agencies, so as to avoid any monopolistic trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The private security industry was already in existence before liberalization.

(b) As no systematic assessment of growth rate of the private security sector has been done by any agency, this information is not available with Government.

(c) The Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005, which has already been brought into force with effect from 15th March, 2006, is meant to regulate all private security agencies.

Spurt in activities of ULFA

†926. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.